

**Initiative Name:****Land Use Leadership Council Report Implementation****Initiative Description:**

In February 2003, Governor Granholm, supported by Sen. Sikkema and Speaker Johnson, issued Executive Order 2003-4 to form a bipartisan council “charged with studying and identifying trends, causes, and consequences of urban sprawl and providing recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature designed to minimize the negative effects of current and projected land use patterns.” (Source: Executive Summary LULC report).

Recognizing the diverse, and sometimes parochial, issues influencing land use policies the LULC adhered to ten smart growth tenets to arrive at its recommendations, and in the process remaining mindful of the state’s legal framework of private property rights and the concept of home rule.

Director Hollister (Labor & Economic Growth) has been asked to lead the administrations efforts in reviewing the recommendations of the LULC. Director Hollister is further charged with suggesting new policies, at the state level, to the Governor.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Preservation of land and green space
- Revitalization of urban areas
- Better use of existing infrastructure and reduced infrastructure costs
- Improved planning and zoning
- Enhanced regional cooperation
- Improved and streamlined development process

**Progress to date:**

- Instructed state departments to first consider locating any new office buildings or facilities in urban areas, in the first quarter of 2004.
- Directed the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to look for “context-sensitive” solutions to all aspects of transportation design and implementation to ensure that roads, bridges, and other transportation entities fit well within their surroundings. Completed in the first quarter of 2004.
- A program establishing MSHDA matching program for employer down payment assistance will begin in Lansing, Saginaw and Detroit.
- Continuing to engage community leaders to help the administration further refine and develop land use initiatives

- Issued an EO streamlining process for tax reverted properties at state level.
- A one-stop web based shop for grant and loan programs dealing with land presentation and conservation is under construction.